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1. FOR A/S SOLOMON FROM ROBERT PERITO. DRAFT BANQUET TOAST
2. BEGIN TEXT

LET ME EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM WELCOME I
 RECEIVED AND FOR THE HOSPITALITY YOU HAVE EXTENDED HERE
 THIS EVENING.

PRESIDENT BUSH HAS ASKED ME TO COME TO CHINA BECAUSE
 STABLE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE ESSENTIAL
 IF THE NEW WORLD NOW UNFOLDING IS TO BE ONE OF PEACE,
 PROSPERITY AND STABILITY.

NEXT YEAR WILL MARK THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT
 NIXON'S HISTORIC TRIP TO CHINA. SINCE 1972 THE WORLD HAS
 CHANGED IN WAYS WHICH WERE THEN UNIMAGINABLE. AS FRIENDS,
 WE MUST SPEAK FRANKLY. OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS BECOME A
 TROUBLED ONE. THE STRATEGIC COMPASS WHICH GUIDED OUR
 RELATIONS IN THE 1970S AND 80S IS NO MORE.

OUR RELATIONSHIP FACES A NEW SET OF CHALLENGES. ISSUES OF
 TRADE, THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
 AND HUMAN RIGHTS DOMINATE OUR AGENDA. OUR DIFFERENCES
 OVER THESE ISSUES HIGHLIGHT THE DIFFERENCES IN OUR
 RESPECTIVE SOCIAL SYSTEMS. YET WE STILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT
 COMMON GROUND.

IN THE PAST, OUR RELATIONSHIP MADE AN IMPORTANT
 CONTRIBUTION TO THE REDUCTION OF REGIONAL TENSIONS AND TO
 WORLD PEACE. IN THE WORLD WE ARE NOW ENTERING, HOWEVER,
 WE FACE NEW AND DIFFERENT SECURITY CHALLENGES. THE
 EMERGING CHALLENGES OF WEAPONS PROLIFERATION, PROTECTING

THE ENVIRONMENT, ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, AND
 REFUGEE FLOWS ARE PROMINENT AMONG THEM.

SUCH CHALLENGES PROVIDE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR

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 COOPERATION. BUT THEY REQUIRE NEW BASES OF COOPERATION.
 THE INFORMATION REVOLUTION WITH ITS INSTANTANEOUS FLOWS OF
 NEWS AND CAPITAL ON A GLOBAL SCALE HAVE CHANGED THE WAY
 NATIONS OPERATE IN THE WORLD. THE LINE BETWEEN WHAT IS
 FOREIGN AND WHAT IS DOMESTIC IS EVER MORE BLURRED.
 RECOGNITION OF OUR INTERDEPENDENCE IS THE FIRST STEP
 TOWARDS DEFINING THE BASIS OF COOPERATION.

GLOBAL CHAOS AND CONFLICT DO NOT SERVE EITHER COUNTRY'S
 INTERESTS. STABILITY AND PROSPERITY IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC
 REGION ARE VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.
 CHANGES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE SOVIET UNION HAVE
 REMOVED THE MAJOR MILITARY THREAT THAT ONCE HUNG OVER THE
 REGION. BUT AS WE HAVE SEEN, OTHER SOURCES OF CONFLICT,
 HOWEVER DIFFERENT, STILL REQUIRE MUTUAL COOPERATION BASED
 ON SHARED INTERESTS.

THE CONFLICT IN THE GULF WAS THE FIRST POST-COLD WAR
 CHALLENGE TO COLLECTIVE SECURITY. AN AMBITIOUS TYRANT
 ARMED WITH BALLISTIC MISSILES AND A SOPHISTICATED NUCLEAR
 PROGRAM THREATENED WORLD PEACE. CHINA'S SUPPORT FOR
 SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION WAS CRITICAL TO OUR ABILITY TO
 REVERSE AGGRESSION AND RESTORE RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND
 INTERNATIONAL LAW.

STILL MORE PROMISING HAS BEEN OUR COOPERATION IN THE PERM
 FIVE WHICH LED TO THE CAMBODIA PEACE ACCORD SIGNED JUST

LAST MONTH IN PARIS. CHINA'S COOPERATION HAS BEEN
 INDISPENSIBLE TO THE SUCCESS OF A PROCESS THAT MOLDS OUT
 THE PROMISE OF FINALLY ENDING CAMBODIA'S LONG AND TRAGIC
 NIGHTMARE.

CHINA'S CONSTRUCTIVE STANCE FACILITATED THE ENTRY INTO THE
 U.N. OF BOTH KOREAN GOVERNMENTS. THE CONFLICT IN KOREA
 IS A LEGACY OF THE COLD WAR THAT IS NOW THE MOST IMMINENT
 THREAT TO STABILITY IN EAST ASIA, A THREAT MAGNIFIED BY
 THE SPECTRE OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. KOREA IS YET
 ANOTHER AREA WHERE WE SEE MUCH COMMON GROUND BETWEEN THE
 U.S. AND CHINA.

THIS SPIRIT OF COOPERATIVE EFFORT HAS ALSO BEEN EVIDENT IN
 OUR RESPONSE TO OTHER CHALLENGES TO PEACE. CHINA HAS
 PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS OF THE PERM-FIVE ON PRESIDENT
 BUSH'S INITIATIVE FOR MIDDLE EAST ARMS CONTROL AND HAS
 SAID IT WILL POSITIVELY CONSIDER THE GUIDELINES OF THE
 MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME IN CONSIDERING ARMS
 TRANSFER THAT THE TROUBLED REGION.

HOWEVER, MORE IS NEEDED. WITHOUT A FIRM COMMITMENT TO
 MTCR PRINCIPLES, WE WILL SEE A CONTINUING CYCLE OF VIOLENCE
 AND THE FAILURE OF THOSE INITIAL STEPS TOWARD PEACE WHICH
 WE WITNESSED AT MADRID. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN THE
 AREA OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. AS THE UNITED STATES AND
 SOVIET UNION HAVE TAKEN UNPRECEDENTED STEPS TO REDUCE OUR
 NUCLEAR ARSENALS, MAVERICK STATES HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR
 INTENTIONS TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO SETTLE LOCAL
 SCORES.

WE WELCOME CHINA'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO ACCEDE TO THE
 NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND HOPE THIS WILL BE
 FOLLOWED BY RAPID RATIFICATION. SIMILARLY WE WELCOME THE
 ADVISOR WHICH CHINA HAS EXTENDED TO ITS NEIGHBORS TO PLACE
 THEIR NUCLEAR PROGRAMS UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND TO
 REFRAIN FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

MORE IS ALSO NEEDED IN THE AREA OF TRADE AND COMMERCIAL
 RELATIONS. ONCE ALMOST TOTALLY RELIANT UPON ITS INTERNAL
 ECONOMY, CHINA OVER THE PAST THIRTY YEARS HAS BECOME A

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MAJOR TRADING NATION AND A PRINCIPAL TRADING PARTNER OF THE UNITED STATES. CHINA HAS BECOME A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY AND, JUST THIS WEEK IN SEOUL, CHINA BECAME A MEMBER OF THE ASIAN-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COUNCIL, AN ORGANIZATION WHICH BRINGS NEW COHESION TO ALL COUNTRIES ON THE PACIFIC RIM.

AMERICANS HAVE BENEFITED FROM ACCESS TO CHINESE PRODUCTS, WHILE CHINA HAS BENEFITED FROM UNIMPEDED ACCESS TO THE OUR MARKET. THIS IS NOT THE CASE, HOWEVER, FOR AMERICAN EXPORTERS WHO FACE SEEN AND INVISIBLE BARRIERS TO SELLING IN CHINA. WE WELCOME CHINA'S INTEREST IN REJOINING GATT.

BUT CHINA WILL NEED TO EXPAND ITS PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC REFORM AND CONFORM TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN ITS TRADE PRACTICES.

ADHERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS. OUR CONCERN IN THIS AREA RESULTS FROM THE DEEPLY HELD CONVICTION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY ARE

ESSENTIAL FOR ALL PEOPLES. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT CHINA HAS MADE PROGRESS OVER THE LAST THIRTY YEARS IN MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.

HOWEVER, THE PROVISION OF ECONOMIC NECESSITIES CAN NOT BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS ENSCRIBED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE FREEDOM TO PEACEFULLY EXPRESS ONE'S POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO A DEMOCRATIC AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY.

AFTER NEARLY THIRTY YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP, WE OFFER CHINA A RELATIONSHIP THAT IS PREMISED ON SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE, STABILITY AND PROSPERITY. AND NOW, LET ME LIFT MY GLASS AND ASK YOU TO JOIN ME A TOAST TO FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO THE PROSPECT OF FRUITFUL VISIT. // KANTER -

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